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WEATHER REPORT
Partly cloudy tonight and
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PEACE TALK AT THE CAPITAL

Circumstances Lead to Be-
lief That Influences
Are At Work

GIBBONS IS HOPEFUL

Personal Message From Pope Bene-
dict Said to Bear Upon Cessation
of Hostilities

London, May 8, 1:15 p. m.—The
correspondent at Rotterdam of the
Exchange Telegraph Company cabled
the following today:

"On the occasion of the Easter festi-
val Emperor William sent an auto-
graph letter to Pope Benedict ex-
pressing the hope that the pontiff,
with the King of Spain, would be
able to construct a scheme with the
object of bringing together, under the
auspicious emblem of the dove and
olive branch, a conference of belliger-
ents for consideration of an im-
mediate armistice, in the fervent
hope of securing an early peace
without detriment to the legitimate
aspirations of nationalities.

London, May 8.—Prince von Buel-
ow, former German chancellor
for, has been summoned to headquar-
ters by Emperor William, according
to a dispatch to the Exchange Tel-
egraph Company from The Hague.

His visit, adds the dispatch, is
said to be of great political signifi-
cance.

Washington, May 8. — Serious
peace talk has been revived in Wash-
ington by the German note and by the
visit to the White House Saturday of
Mr. Giovanni Bonzano, the apos-
tolic delegate, with a personal mes-
sage from the Pope to President Wil-
son.

Whether or not there is any real
substance to the reports of a new
move for a suspension of hostilities,
remains to be seen, but there are
significant circumstances, which lead
to the hope that powerful influences
may be at work to that end.

The mission of Mr. Bonzano is one
of them. It was learned at the execu-
tive offices, after his departure, that
he had delivered to Secretary Tuml-
ulty a communication from the Pope
that bore upon possible peace nego-
tiations, and upon the important part
the United States might have in such
negotiations, if the submarine con-
trovercy between this country and
Germany does not interfere.

In that connection it is recalled that
the Pope, from the beginning, has re-
cognized the strategic position the
United States occupies as a possible
mediator between the belligerents.
Being the most powerful of the neu-
tral nations, and the diplomatic chan-
nel through which the warring ele-
ments now communicate, the Holy
See has regarded President Wilson
as the logical instrumentality for
bringing the contending forces to-
gether, when the time should arrive.

It was with this in mind that the
Pope requested Cardinal Gibbons to
convey a personal message to the
President many months ago—a mes-
sage which was never made public,
but one which, it was generally be-
lieved, had to do with peace negotia-
tions. It was learned at that time
that the President then saw no favor-
able opportunity to make a new tend-
er of good offices to the belligerents.
of the conflict that he stood ready at
any moment to mediate for a cessa-
tion of hostilities, but he did not then
feel inclined, it was said, to do more
than repeat his offer.

Neither the White House nor the
apostolic delegate would discuss the
message sent to the President by Sec-
retary Tumlulty, and, being regarded
as strictly confidential, no official
word comment upon it or do more

LECTURE ON TOLSTOI

By Mrs. Jean McArthur Hyde
For the Benefit of Alexandria Free
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Tuesday afternoon May 9th
At Lee Camp Hall.
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than intimate that it made reference
to peace proposals.

This message, coming so closely on
the heels of the new Germany note,
has caused speculation as to the pos-
sibility of early peace discussions.
This note, as has been pointed out,
contains the frank statement by Ger-
many that the Berlin government,
"conscious of its strength," was will-
ing to consider peace terms upon a
basis that will safeguard Germany's
vital interests.

The fact is recited in this commu-
cation that twice within recent months
the German government has let the
fact be known that it was disposed
to treat for peace. The intimation
then followed that the Germans were
still ready to discuss terms and for
that reason, as well as for others the
Berlin ministry would regret any
break in friendly relations with the
United States.

What view the President will take
of this section of the Berlin note and
of the Pope's communication cannot
be stated. He may take the position
that the note, in fact, reveals no new
attitude on the part of Germany; that
the allies have known all along that
Berlin was prepared to talk peace,
and that nothing remains for this
government to do except to hold itself
ready to act as intermediary at any
hour of the day or night the allies
may wish to consider the German
terms.

American diplomatic representa-
tives in every intelligent capital, it
can be stated definitely, have instruc-
tions to make the position of the
United States clear with regard to
peace overtures, and to lose no favor-
able opportunity to impress upon
the governments to which these dip-
lomats are accredited, the eagerness
with which the United States will
respond when our services may be
needed.

The feeling prevails here, there-
fore, that the President will make no
fresh offer of mediation to the nations
now at war, but will content himself
with the occasional reminders of Amer-
ican willingness to act, which the
President's ambassadors are giving
to the belligerents.

All peace talk is more or less signifi-
cant, however, no matter how re-
mote the possibility of an early end-
ing of the war, and to that extent
Washington is decidedly interested
in the recent developments in that
direction. It is too much to say,
though, that either the administration
or those closely associated with it are
of the opinion that the conflict has
entered upon its final stages.

LIGHTNING RUNS AN AUTO.

Takes Car From Owner's Control
and Tosses it Into Ditch.

Vineland, N. J., May 8.—If light-
ning only can harness the problem
of the high cost of automobile
fuel will be solved and the almost
prohibitive expense of using gasoline
will be a thing of the past. A bolt
of the real kind harnessed itself to
a car here last week made it run
away, spilled it into a ditch and
shocked four occupants in the ma-
chine, who were fortunate to get off
with no more serious injury.

The machine was owned by Bor-
ough Engineer Samuel Tregale, who
was taking his wife and three chil-
dren for a ride. They were trying to
reach home ahead of the storm when
the car was struck. Just why the
lightning caused so many things to
happen is a question for the experts.
First, all the lights on the machine
went out, then the car started on a
wild run, which Tregale was unable
to prevent, and finally, in a flash of
fire, it turned over in a roadside ditch,
Tregale fell clear of it and soon ex-
tricated his wife and children from
the wreck.

SERVICES LAST NIGHT

The one hundredth anniversary of
the founding of the American Bible
Society was observed at the Second
Presbyterian Church last night. Re-
vival services to last until May 21st
commenced last night at Trinity
Methodist Church. The Rev. E. B.
Jackson, D. D., pastor of the First
Baptist Church commenced a series
of sermons last night at 8 o'clock on
Jesus and His Friends. P. J. Haldi-
gan, reading clerk of the House of
Representatives and Michael F. Con-
ry, of New York, delivered addresses
at a meeting of the Holy Name
Society in St. Mary's Hall last night.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

GERMAN U-BOATS LUCK NEAR COAST

Two Submarines and Two
Cruisers in Striking
Distance

ATTACK A FREIGHTER

Steamer Venezia's Shelled and Chas-
ed By Raiders Headed Toward Am-
erican Coast

New York, May 8.—Two German
submarines, conveyed by two armed
auxiliary cruisers, are within striking
distance of the American coast.

On April 29 this fleet attacked the
former French liner Venezia, 700 mile
southeast of Cape Race, approximate-
ly 1900 miles from New York in a
direct line. The German fleet at that
time was headed due west.

The Venezia, which escaped by skill-
ful maneuvering arrived yesterday.
Captain Boniface declined absolutely
to discuss the affair. From various
members of the crew, however, the
story was gradually obtained.

Only one unit of the German fleet
attacked the Venezia. The other armed
cruiser and the submarines contin-
ued on their westerly course, and
probably are by this time within a
day's run of the American coast.

The Venezia left Bordeaux on April
24. At noon, April 29, when about
1200 miles from the latter port, a
steamer was sighted on the port bow,
about four miles distant. The day
was calm, and the strange craft car-
ried no neutral or other markings.

She apparently had no wireless.
While Captain Boniface was watch-
ing her from the bridge, a puff of
smoke issued from the side of the
stranger, and a signal ordering him
to stop was run up at the halyards.

At the same instant another vessel
was observed close to the horizon on
the starboard. By the aid of powerful
marine glasses, the officers on the
bridge were able to discern the bluish
smoke from the gasoline engines of
two submarines close to the ship on
the starboard side. This convoy was
headed west.

The vessel which fired the shot was
apparently a cargo boat of about
3000 tons. The ship with the subma-
rines on the starboard was evidently
a converted liner of about 7000 tons.
The cargo boat had one smokestack
and two masts. The rig of the other
could not be made out, owing to the
cloud of smoke which hung over her.

Immediately after the warning shot
was fired Captain Boniface ordered
the quartermaster to throw the helm
hard astarboard. Then he swung his
ship to port, which allowed him to
get a lead on the attacking ship.

The latter instead of quickly tak-
ing up the pursuit signaled to the
other German vessel and then bore
down to meet the convoy. Some
quick signaling passed between the
two German commanders, the larger
vessel continuing on her westerly
course all the time.

While this was going on, Captain
Boniface ordered all hands to duty,
and sent as many men into the en-
gine room as could work there. The
men worked in the strokehold with
feverish energy until the Venezia—
which normally only makes about
12 1/2 knots—began to make a little
over 14 knots.

After the signaling between the
two Germans had ended, the smaller
of the two took up the chase of the
Venezia. This chase lasted until sun-
down, during which time more than
two dozen shells were fired
at the French liner. All the shells
struck the sea in distances varying
between 1000 and 800 yards of the
Venezia.

The converted cargo boat was said
to have had a little more speed than
the Venezia, but the early lead ob-
tained by the maneuver of Captain

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Alexandria, Va., May 8th, 1916.
On and after this date I will not
be responsible for any debts contract-
ed by my wife, Mrs. Loula Hohen-
stein,
ROBERT HOHENSTEIN

Boniface was too much to overcome
before nightfall.

On arrival here Captain Boniface
immediately reported the affair to
the French and British authorities.
Every member of the crew was cau-
tioned not to discuss the affair.

The story was first told by several
American cattlemen abroad, but
they knew nothing about the pres-
ence of submarines with the armed
auxiliaries. When the facts of the at-
tack had been told by the cattlemen,
several members of the crew then
told the story in detail.

The Venezia had on board more
than 40 American citizens.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The choir of St. Paul's Church will
give their annual concert the evening
of Tuesday May 23.

In the circuit court today Thomas
A. Rose was named as administra-
tor of the estate of Margaret A.
Rose.

The Junior Daughters of Mary Cus-
tis Chapter will hold a strawberry
festival at Lee Camp Hall Wednesday
at 7 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Cham-
ber of Commerce will take place to-
night in its rooms at Washington and
King streets. A new set of by-laws
will be adopted.

In police court this morning "Gen-
eral" Grayson, colored, charged with
robbing Ephraim Brown, colored, of
a watch and chain was sent to jail
for 60 days.

The annual meeting of the Minis-
terial Association for the election of
officers will take place tomorrow
morning at 10 o'clock in the M. E.
Church South.

The delegates of Post F, Travelers
Protective Association of America,
who have been attending the state
convention in Newport News return-
ed home this morning.

The Roxana, the pleasure yacht
owned by Larz Anderson, of Wash-
ington, is being given a thorough
overhauling at the plant of the Mar-
ine Railway and Coal Company.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah
H. Snowden, widow of Stacey H.
Snowden, who died early yesterday
morning, will take place tomorrow
afternoon from her home at Collinwood,
Fairfax county. Interment will be
in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington.

Funeral services for John H. Sut-
ton who died on Friday afternoon
were held yesterday afternoon at 3
o'clock from his late residence, 106
Wolfe street, and were conducted by
the Rev. E. B. Jackson, D. D.

Thirty representatives of the Odd
Fellow lodges in this city left
here yesterday morning for Lynch-
burg to attend the annual sessions
of the grand lodge of the state. They
will return on Wednesday. The party
was in charge of Col. W. L. Mar-
tin and D. R. Stansbury.

CUSPIDOR HURLED AT JUDGE

Jurist Takes Hand in Subduing
Youth Sentenced For Murder

Chicago May 8.—Daniel Riley 18
years old who had just been senten-
ced to 35 years in prison for murder,
picked up an iron cuspidor and
hurled it at Judge Charles A. Mac-
Donald in the Criminal Court Build-
ing Saturday. The Judge saw the
act in time to dodge. The cuspidor
struck the bench and bounded against
the wall back of his chair.

The Judge, who is nearly 6 feet
tall, stepped over the bar inclosure
and, with three bailiffs, seized Riley
who struck and kicked in his des-
peration to escape from the court-
room. The bailiffs rained blows on
the prisoner's head, back and shoul-
ders, and he finally was subdued
and taken back to the county Jail.

Several weeks ago Riley was found
guilty by a jury of the murder of
John Mozler, who was slain by two
robbers while in his saloon on July
5. This jury fixed his punishment at
imprisonment for 14 years. Riley,
through his counsel, made a motion
for a new trial.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

GERMANS GAIN MORE GROUND

Enter French Communicat-
ing Trench East of
Hill 304

PROCURE A FOOTING

General Petain Succeeded at Verdun
by General Nivelle—Artillery Duel
Active

Paris, May 8.—French military crit-
ics declared today that the Ger-
man attack yesterday is the prelude
to a fourth great offensive against
Verdun.

The fighting on the west bank of
the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, at-
tained the greatest violence yester-
day.

Repulsed in their attempts to storm
and capture the summit of Hill 304,
the Germans resorted to a flanking
attack on the French right, which
yielded some results.

The German object apparently is to
force evacuation of Hill 304 by
threatening to surround the posi-
tion.

Almost the same form of attack
was employed east of the Meuse,
where the Germans for many weeks
have been attacking the ridge of Pe-
per Heights, four and one-half miles
north of Verdun.

Facing frightful losses in a frontal
attack on the slopes of the position,
the German commanders have been
hacking away persistently at French
positions in the ravines east of the
heights hoping to drive through to-
ward the Meuse and force the French
to retire from the strongly fortified
positions.

In yesterdays fighting French first-
line trenches were penetrated on a
front of 500 yards.

Paris, May 8.—In fierce attacks on
both banks of the Meuse yesterday
the German forces gained ground
from the French. They entered the
French communicating trenches east
of Hill No. 304 and gained a footing
in the first French line between
Haudromont wood and Fort Douaumont
over an extent of nearly
a third of a mile.

The official communication of the
French War Office making this an-
nouncement reads as follows:

"On the left bank of the Meuse
the bombardment of extreme vio-
lence, which lasted without cessation
for two days in the region of Hill No.
304, was followed today by a power-
ful German attack delivered against
our front between Hill No. 304 and
Le Mort Homme. The enemy, after
repeated efforts, penetrated the un-
derground passageways east of Hill
No. 304. Everywhere else he was
repulsed with serious losses inflicted
by our machine guns and batteries,
which energetically bombarded the
German lines.

"On their right bank, after intense
artillery preparation, the Germans
delivered several successive attacks
against our trenches between Haudro-
mont wood and Fort Douaumont. In
the western part of the front the
enemy attack gained a footing
an extent of about 500 metres in our
first line. To the centre and to the
east all the attacks were broken.

"In the Woivre there was great
artillery activity in the sectors at
the foot of the Meuse hills.

"There was no event of importance
on the rest of the front except the
usual cannonading."

The Belgian official communica-
tion reads:

"An artillery action of feeble in-
tensity occurred in the sector of Dix-
mude, where our guns bombarded
barges in the Hanzaeme canal."

Gen. Robert Nivelle has been

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AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

appointed to direct the local opera-
tions at Verdun. He will succeed
Gen. Henri Philippe Petain, who has
been promoted to commander-in-
chief of the group of Central Ar-
mies in the sector between Soissons
and Verdun.

Paris, May 8.—Belgian troops on
April 19 captured German positions
at Shangugu, on the border of Ger-
man East Africa and continued pro-
gress south of Kivu Lake, accord-
ing to an announcement made by the
Belgian Minister of the Colonies.

They occupied a German post at
Ishange on the 22d.

GREAT CANAL OPENED

Wonderful Engineering Feat Destined
To Make Marseilles World's
Most Important Port

Marseilles, France, May 8.—The
great canal connecting Marseilles
with the River Rhone, which is des-
tined to make Marseilles the world's
greatest port, was opened yesterday.
The canal connects London with the
Mediterranean by an almost straight
line, making Marseilles the greatest
gateway to the East, and rendering
it the central clearing-house for all
North African trade.

Fifty miles long, it has taken 12
years to build and cost \$20,000,000.
Nearly five miles of the canal
consists of a subterranean tunnel
seventy feet wide, making it the
widest tunnel in the world. The sub-
terranean waterway is forty-five
feet high. It was blasted out of the
rocky Nerthe Mountains, and is
France's most wonderful engineering
achievement.

The completion of the canal at this
moment demonstrates the enormous
resources that France is able to em-
ploy, even at the height of the world's
greatest war. It enables Marseilles
to expand industrially along the shore
of the great inland gulf, known as
Etang de Berre, which will now be
studded with huge factories and ware-
houses. The plan is to make Mar-
seilles a free port, which will give
the final deathblow to Hamburg. It
is also planned to provide storehouses
for goods passing through the Pana-
ma Canal, particularly oil.

GERMANY WANTS PEACE

People of Every Class in Fatherland
Talking of Nothing Else

Rotterdam, May 8.—There are in-
dications that the German govern-
ment is fervently desirous to conclude
peace.

In Berlin, it is learned from Amer-
icans, people of every class are
talking nothing else.

The belief is generally accepted
that in the conversation between Am-
bassador Gerard and the kaiser at
headquarters the subjects discussed
were not confined to Germany's re-
ply to the American note. Germany
wants peace, and is looking to Amer-
ica to make the move that Ger-
many dare not openly make.

Perhaps this statement may be re-
garded as contradicted by the char-
acter of the German note, with what
looks like an ultimatum in the final
paragraph, but this would be an er-
ror. It is necessary to bear in mind
the devious ways of Prussian dip-
lomacy. Germany wants nothing less
than the removal of the British block-
ade, and in that wish is the key to
the present situation in the subma-
rine war. The blockade has produced
an economic situation which is rapidly
becoming unbearable.

A "peace kite" flown yesterday in
the Swiss newspaper Zurich Post is
circulated from Berlin by the official
agency which quotes it as written by
a well-known subject of a neutral
country.

"Who can be the peacemaker?" It
asks. "Who will bring the nations
that are longing for peace back to
the condition of humanity? Who will
point a path for the return to mor-
ality and civilization?"

"In America it is possible to lay
the foundations upon which peace can
be built up. This appears to be the
world and historic task of America."
Meanwhile a symptom of the possi-
bility of peace is the strength of
the exchange rate, which is mount-
ing daily.

SAVE MONEY!

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MORE AMERICANS ARE KILLED

Three Soldiers and Ten year
Old Boy Victims of
Bandits

CARRY CITIZENS

U. S. Troops Ordered to Catch Raid-
ers at Any Cost—Big Bend at
White Heat Over Outrage

Alpine, Tex., May 8.—American
troops today are rushing through the
desolate stretches of the Big Bend
Country in pursuit of Mexican band-
its who killed three American sol-
diers and a ten-year-old boy, and
captured two American citizens af-
ter a five hour battle against a lit-
tle detachment at Glenn Springs, Tex.

The troops have been ordered to
catch the raiders at any cost and
cross the border if necessary.

The Big Bend country is in a white
heat of rage and throughout the dis-
trict cattlemen and other residents
are rallying to the cry for vengeance.

An entire battalion ordered out by
General Funston following delayed
troops, converging on Marathon, Tex.
by railroad, will detain immediately
and sweep southward over the desert
toward the border.

Alpine, Texas, May 8.—Villa ban-
dits, some 70 in number, forded the
Rio Grande Friday night and, sweep-
ing 15 miles inland on American soil,
raided the little settlement of Glenn
Springs and attacked a detachment of
American cavalry, consisting of nine
men of Troop A, Fourteenth Cavalry.

Three troopers and a 10-years-old
boy were killed, two cavalrymen
were wounded and another is miss-
ing. He is believed to be a prisoner
of the bandits, who are now fleeing
southward into Coahuila, Mexico.

Two American citizens, J. Deemer
and a man named Compton,
were carried across the Rio Grande
and reports have it that their throats
were cut.

A posse of 50 citizens of Marathon
tonight are in pursuit of the Villistas.

MURDER OF YOUNG WOMAN

Georgian Cuts Her Throat After
Kissing and Hugging Her

Columbus, Ga. May 8.—With one
arm around his sweetheart, and while
hugging and kissing her, Silas Prather
late Saturday night cut the throat
of Miss Rose Poye, to whom he was
engaged and then slashed her across
the breast with a razor. She died al-
most instantly, and before the start-
led members of the family, and
friends, were able to interfere, Prather
had dashed from the house and
made his escape. At a late hour last
night the police were still searching
for him without success.

Prather's tragic deed, the police
say, was the result of jealousy. When
he arrived at his sweetheart's home
he found her talking in the parlor
with J. M. Richardson a friend.

The attack followed at once and
was so sudden that Richardson did
not realize what had been done until
it was too late to save the girl.

2100 PAY TAXES

When City Treasurer Thomas W.
Robinson closed his books Saturday
night 2100 persons had paid there
poll taxes and will be qualified to
vote in the presidential election in
November. This is the largest num-
ber that have paid their taxes in
many years.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

ATTENTION MEMBERS SEMIN- OLE TRIBE NO. 35, I. O. R. M.

Take notice that the regular Coun-
cil meeting on Thursday, sleep, May
11, is called for "seven o'clock", ac-
count class adoption of Pale faces.

By order of
W. B. Glascock, D. W. Stanton,
Sachem Chief of Records